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SUBJ: VISIT OF SPECIAL ASSISTANT OF U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL FOR
POLITICAL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS TO QATAR ON
LEBANESE RELIEF FUND

1. QATAR NEWS AGENCY CARRIED REPORT OF DEC 21 VISIT TO QATAR
BY MR HASHEM ABDO, SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR POLITICAL AND GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL VISIT TO QATAR
WAS, ACCORDING TO QNA, ONE OF SERIES OF VISITS TO ARAB CAPITALS
IN WHICH ABDO IS URGING UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR 50 MILLION DOLLAR
PROGRAM OF IMMEDIATE AID TO LEBANON.

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2. UNDP REPRESENTATIVE IN QATAR, ABDULLAH AL ATRASH, WHO
ATTENDED MEETINGS BETWEEN ABDO AND QATARI MINISTER OF ECONOMY
AND TRADE, SHAYKH NASSER BIN KHALID AL THANI, INFORMED EMBOFF
THAT ABDO NOT RPT NOT LOOKING FOR PLEDGES OR CONTRIBUTION
BUT RATHER URGING ARAB COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT PROGRAM USING

ARGUMENT THAT COUNCIL OF ARAB STATES GENERAL RESOLUTION CALLING
FOR ARAB MONETARY SUPPORT FOR LEBANON RELIEF PROGRAMS WOULD
BEST BE IMPLEMENTED BY CONTRIBUTING TO US PROGRAM.

3. ACCORDING TO AL-ATRASH, U.S. HAS ALREADY CONTRIBUTED 20
MILLION OF NECESSARY 50 MILLION DOLLARS FOR PROGRAM.

4. COMMENT: HAS USG MADE \$20 MILLION CONTRIBUTION TO UN EFFORT?
IT APPEARS ABDO USING THIS TO ENCOURAGE ARAB CONTRIBUTIONS.
PLEASE ADVISE.
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